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Seattle Disabilities Commission Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Boards and Commission Room L-280
600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Joshua Caple, Patricia Copeland, Rebecca C. Cory, John Denooyer, Hope Drummond, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Erica Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioners Absent: Charlene Curtiss, Vickie Foster

SOCR Staff Present: Rosalinda Hoskins, Latrice yBarra, Julie Nelson

Guests: Craig Leisy, Manager - Consumer Affairs Unit, City of Seattle; Julian Wheeler, Governor's Committee on Disabilities and Employment; Tim Shockley, Seattle Library, Equal Access Program

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Mark Adreon

Approval of Minutes: June, 2010 minutes were approved as read

Public Comment:

- Julian Wheeler has been working with Councilmember Nick Licata on a Housing Shortage Presentation set for the week of September 20th. They are looking for speakers who can speak to the shortage with a perspective on disability issues.
- Celebration of the First Anniversary of the Letter to the Mayor to form Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities at: Chaco Canyon, 4757 – 12th Avenue NE, July 23, 7:00 p.m.
- *20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at Woodland Park Zoo.* Monday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Alliance of People with disAbilities.
- Sara Woody spoke of uploading a Proclamation to the www.2010Anniversary.Org website in celebration of Americans with Disabilities Act's 20th Anniversary. Majority Commission vote agreed. The Commission would also like to get a Proclamation from the Mayor.

SOCR Report – Latrice Ybarra:

- Enforcement had 18 cases closed and 21 new intakes. Employment case highlighted: Job termination due to pregnancy, \$4,000 settlement received.
- Julie Nelson and Glenn Harris have been at events in both Philadelphia and Los Angeles to talk about our success and challenges in RSJI, organizations have paid for their travel to speak at these events.
- OCR is conducting City-wide trainings for departments and are completing trainings for the Mayor's office staff. Mayor McGinn was present at PRIDE, there was a great turnout. OCR is supporting the work around Bias Crime Committee Reporting. All Commissions, except SCPWD, have submitted their Work Plan Reports to Councilmember Harrell's office for presentation at City Council. LGBT Commission conducted a needs assessment "Snapshot of Seattle Survey" – on the internet as well as at PRIDE.
- Hope Drummond volunteered to represent the Commission at the Criminal Roundtable.

Changes to Agenda:

- Old Business will not be discussed
- New Business – Taxi Cabs – will be moved forward to be discussed before Bylaws.

New Business – Taxi Cabs – Craig Leisy:

- City of Seattle-Consumer Affairs, Taxi Inspection Unit underwent a 2-year study to assess wheelchair accessibility for taxis during 2007-2008
- Thirty wheelchair taxis must be on the road by August 9th. Right now there are about 20, most are run by Yellow Cab and Far West. There are 15 more dual-licensed wheelchair taxis being issued currently through King County so that will equal 45 in total by year-end, for the County.
- Proposed ordinance to require that every taxi organization have 3% of their cars wheelchair accessible and charge regular taxi fares. Normally, accessible taxis charge \$30 drop, then \$2-3 per mile. Regular fare is \$2.50 drop, \$2.50 per mile.
- Braille will be added to all new vehicles to indicate the cab and driver's identification numbers and the phone number of the cab company.
- Taxi Advisory Group that meets quarterly and Commission members are invited to attend.

Bylaws – Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Deborah Witmer:

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE:

**Motion to Approve, Seconded
Vote to Accept – 11 Yes, Accepted**

ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION:

After much discussion, the Commission agreed to take up the remainder of the bylaws at a subsequent meeting.

Announcements:

- Please contact Felicia to serve on the Human Rights Day Planning Committee
- Need ad hoc Nominating Committee, tabled until August.
- Every 3rd Thursday 7-9, Outreach Event at Chaco Canyon – seeking grants and advertising.
- Suggestion was made to set protocol for using listserv.
- Julie Nelson introduced herself and explained she has a standing meeting during the same time as this Commission's meeting, but she will usually make it by the end of the meeting. She appreciates the work this Commission is doing and if anyone has questions or concerns to feel free to contact her directly.